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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State as 30th June, 1956 -

Males - 348,967 Females - 328,422 Persons - 677,389

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

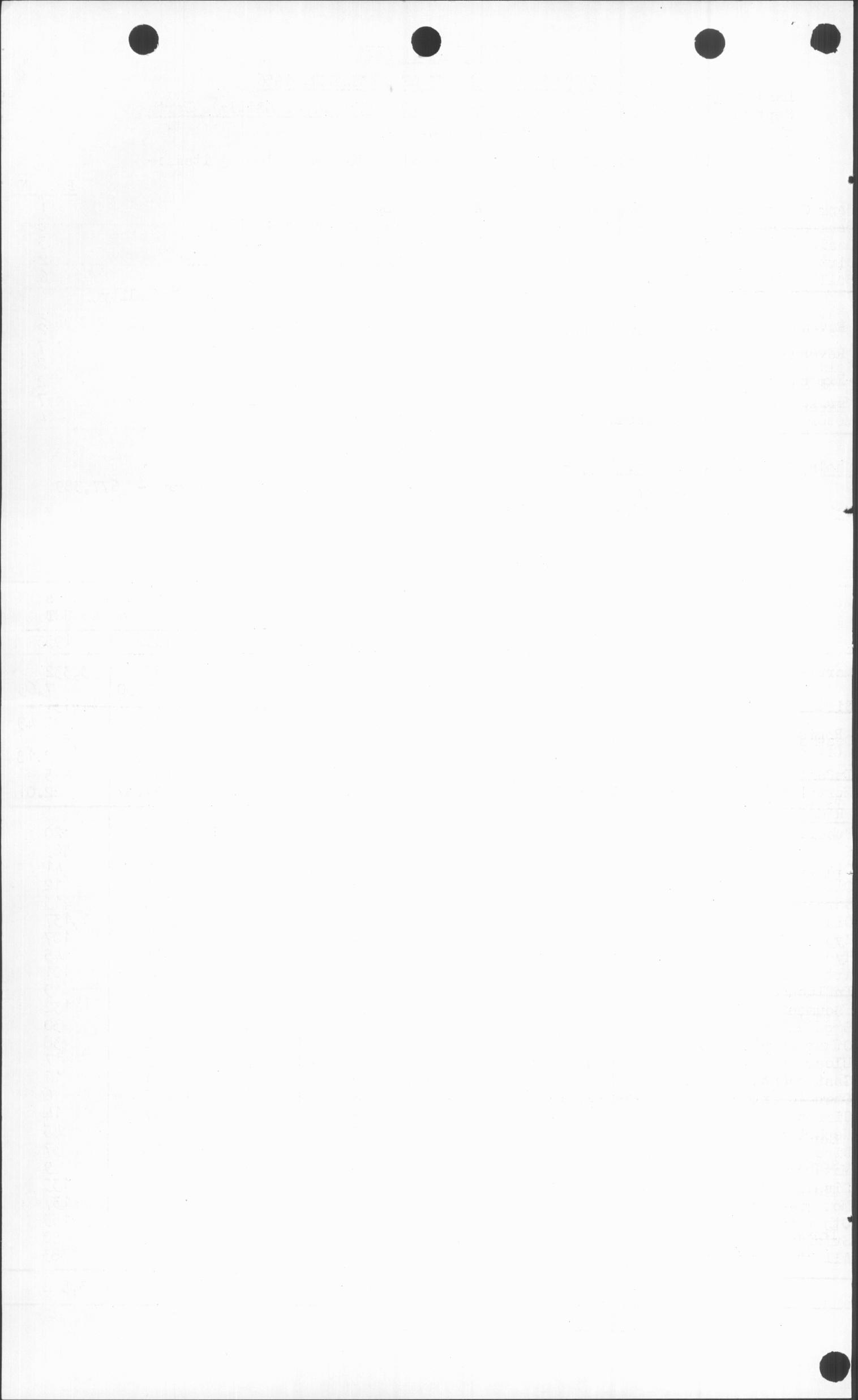
Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	333	306	3,375	3,332
* Rate per 1000 of Population	5.79	5.45	7.50	7.63
Births - Number	1,474	1,619	11,546	11,131
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.63	28.83	25.66	25.49
Deaths - Number	558	557	3,756	3,572
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.70	9.92	8.35	8.18
Infant - Number	37	27	264	245
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	25.10	16.68	22.87	22.01
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	7	5	27	20
Malignant neoplasms	57	77	523	483
Diabetes mellitus	5	6	42	41
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	2	9	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	84	70	483	413
Diseases of the heart	192	185	1,151	1,137
Hypertension with heart disease	14	10	94	107
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	7	8	44	45
Arteriosclerosis	11	27	103	101
Influenza	4	5	7	9
Pneumonia	32	18	148	132
Bronchitis	6	5	37	30
Other respiratory disease	8	3	48	38
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	3	25	17
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	1	11	16
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	5	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	2	17	14
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	10	51	45
Disease of the prostate	5	5	43	37
Maternal causes	-	1	5	9
Disease of early infancy	22	11	155	135
Motor vehicle accidents	11	13	124	137
Other accidents	21	18	162	155
Suicide	7	6	65	50
All other causes	51	65	379	383
Total:	558	557	3,756	3,572

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1956, totalled 598,390 acres, an increase of 109,077 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,528,527 acres, a decrease of 2,991,478.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956		1955	
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,011,640	3,699,207	12,152,087	10,752,298
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 17. 11	5. 11. 7	17. 17. 11	16. 5. 2
Expenditure	4,347,629	4,261,628	13,962,208	12,294,406
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 7. 10	6. 8. 6	20. 11. 4	18. 11. 10

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of September, 1956, amounted to £60,519,121 or £88.17.4 per head of population as against £54,573,606 or £82.3.7 per head at the end of September, 1955.

BANK CLEARANCES

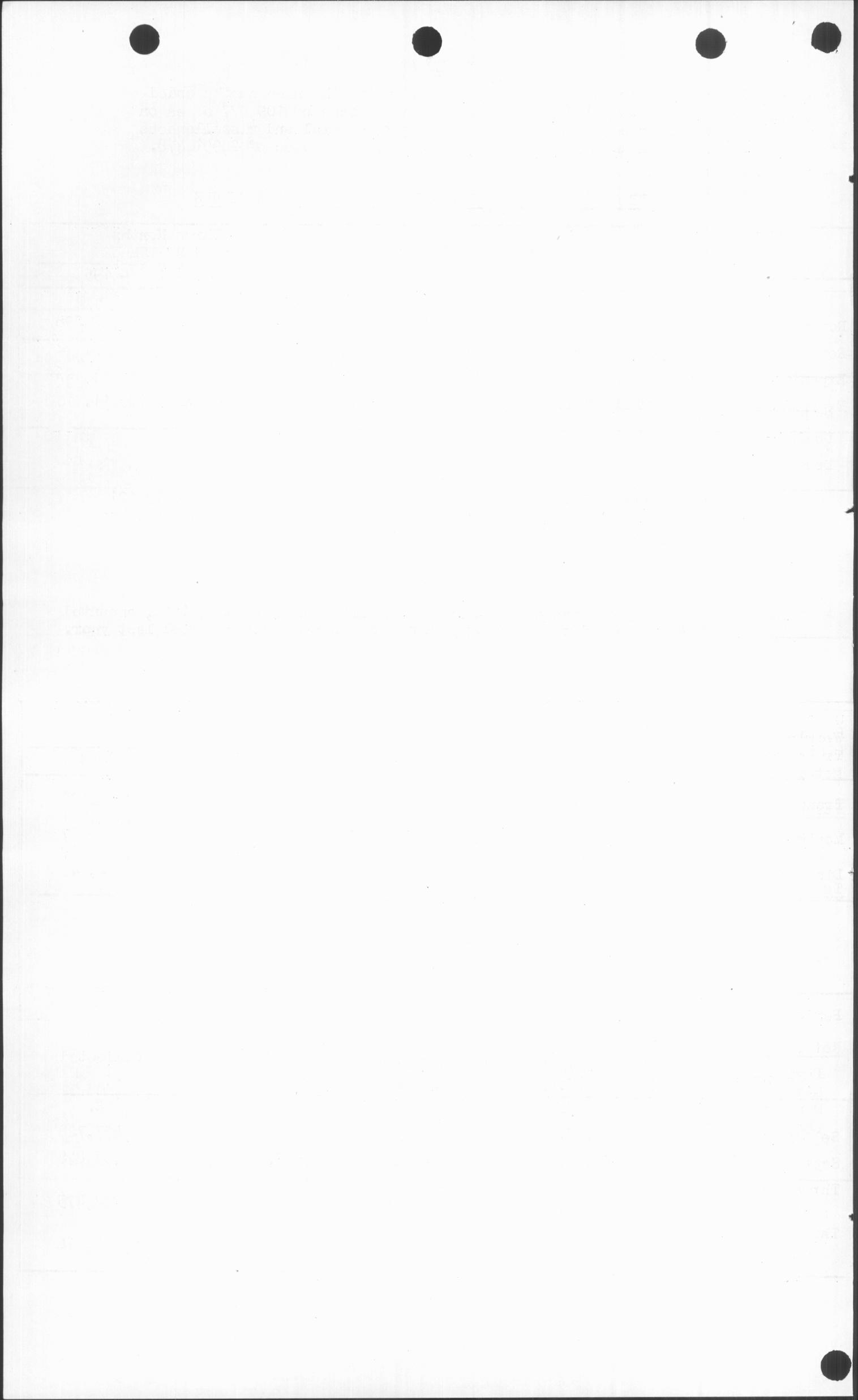
The average weekly clearance for four weeks ended 26th September, 1956, amounted to £15,236,307 compared with £13,025,764 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No. 1,284	£. 1,744,585	1,858	4,255
Mortgages	No. 967	£. 1,842,065	2,331,935	6,079,802
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 737	£.	1,192	7,346,061
			2,209,632	3,068
			934	5,722,334
				7,262,917
				2,448
				2,643

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODSAND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
September, 1956	£. 2,715,246	£. 1,646,666	£. 8,504,708	£. 497,728
September, 1955	£. 3,219,375	£. 2,118,791	£. 9,339,424	£. 495,848
Three Months ended September, 1956	£. 9,276,934	£. 5,829,580	£. 27,152,921	£. 1,292,475
Three Months ended September, 1955	£. 10,854,353	£. 6,531,799	£. 27,721,446	£. 1,387,364



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COMPANIES REGISTERED

54 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,776,000 and 25 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 67 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,834,000 and 27 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	27	76,567	108,366	22	57,639	17,501
Deeds of Assignment (a)	17	63,206	72,150	16	99,879	106,902
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

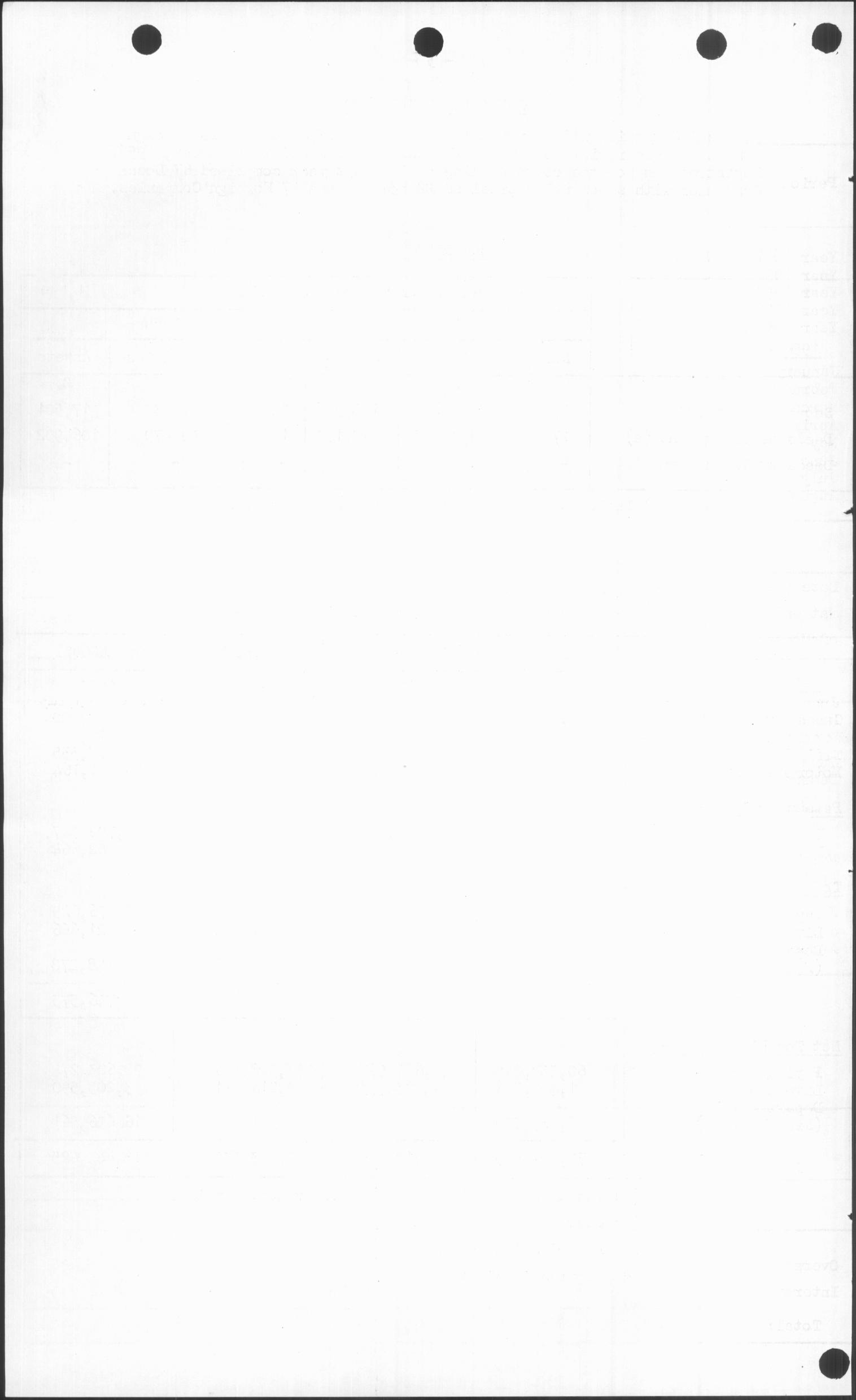
Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a) £.	1,352,400	1,043,600	2,599,600	2,104,400
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,309,836	1,200,445	2,482,022	2,411,939
Train Miles Run No.	805,753	689,492	1,551,462	1,377,335
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 105,456	(b) 118,795	(c) 184,874	(c) 211,764
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No.	990,288	923,467	1,792,547
Motor Bus	No.	28,382	28,167	52,664
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods		366,929	261,839	576,629
Livestock		10,329	11,453	21,666
Departmental (Free Freight)		63,180	74,695	148,278
Total:		440,438	347,987	746,573
<u>Net Ton Mileage of</u> -				
Paying Goods		60,537,048	45,684,968	98,603,274
Livestock		1,496,836	1,543,753	3,203,590
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,267,579	8,483,308	16,636,561
Total:		70,301,463	55,712,029	118,443,425

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 18th August.

(c) Period ended 18th August.

\* Figures liable to revision.



## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	516	203	1	49	933	422	8	75

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

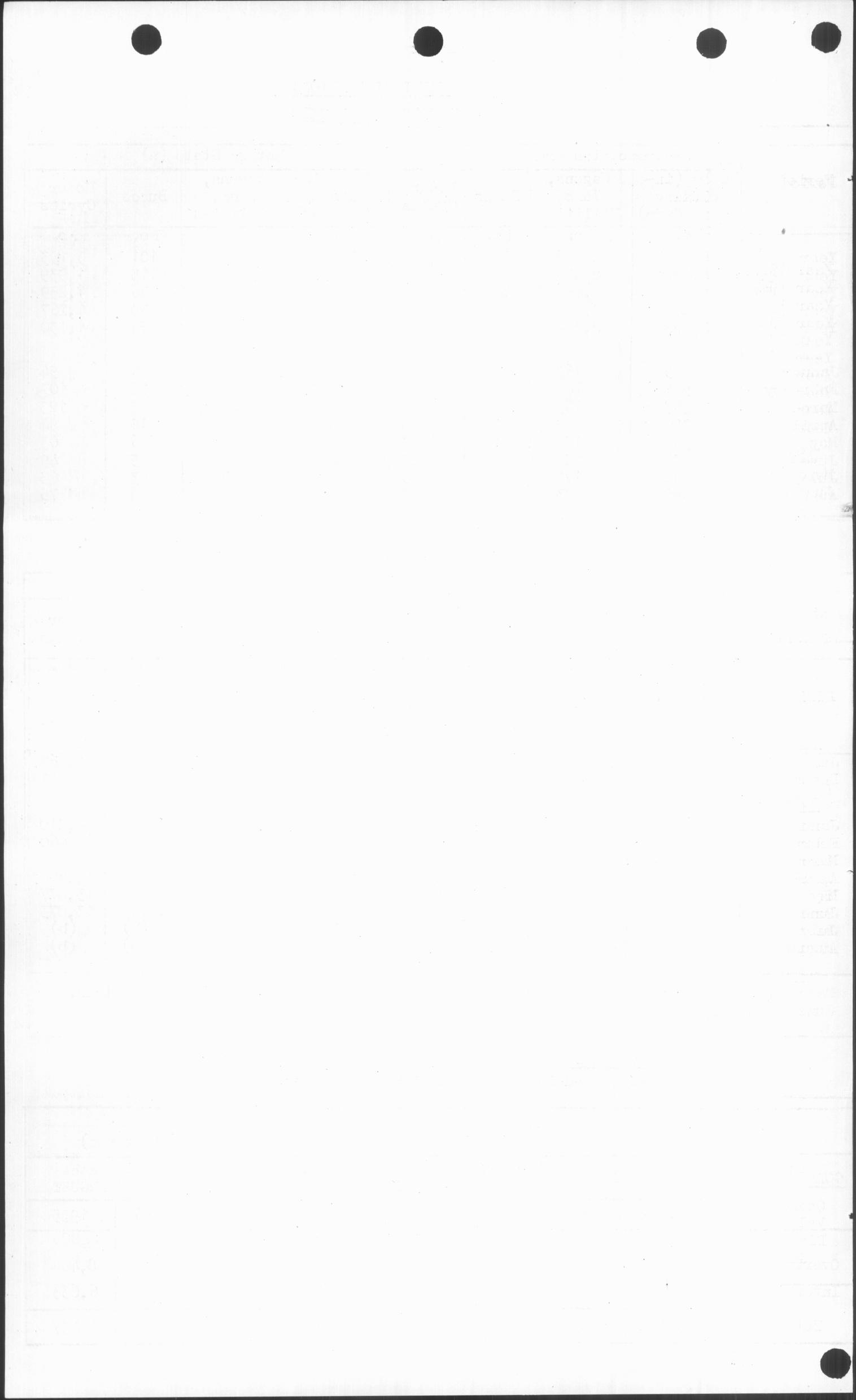
(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not yet available.

## TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	4,796	4,422	7,477	7,355	7,818	3,638	16,626	8,404
Total:	8,328	7,324	13,294	13,147	4,653	2,876	5,504	6,033
	13,124	11,746	20,771	20,502	12,471	6,514	22,130	14,437



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	263	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,915	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
<u>1956 -</u>										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

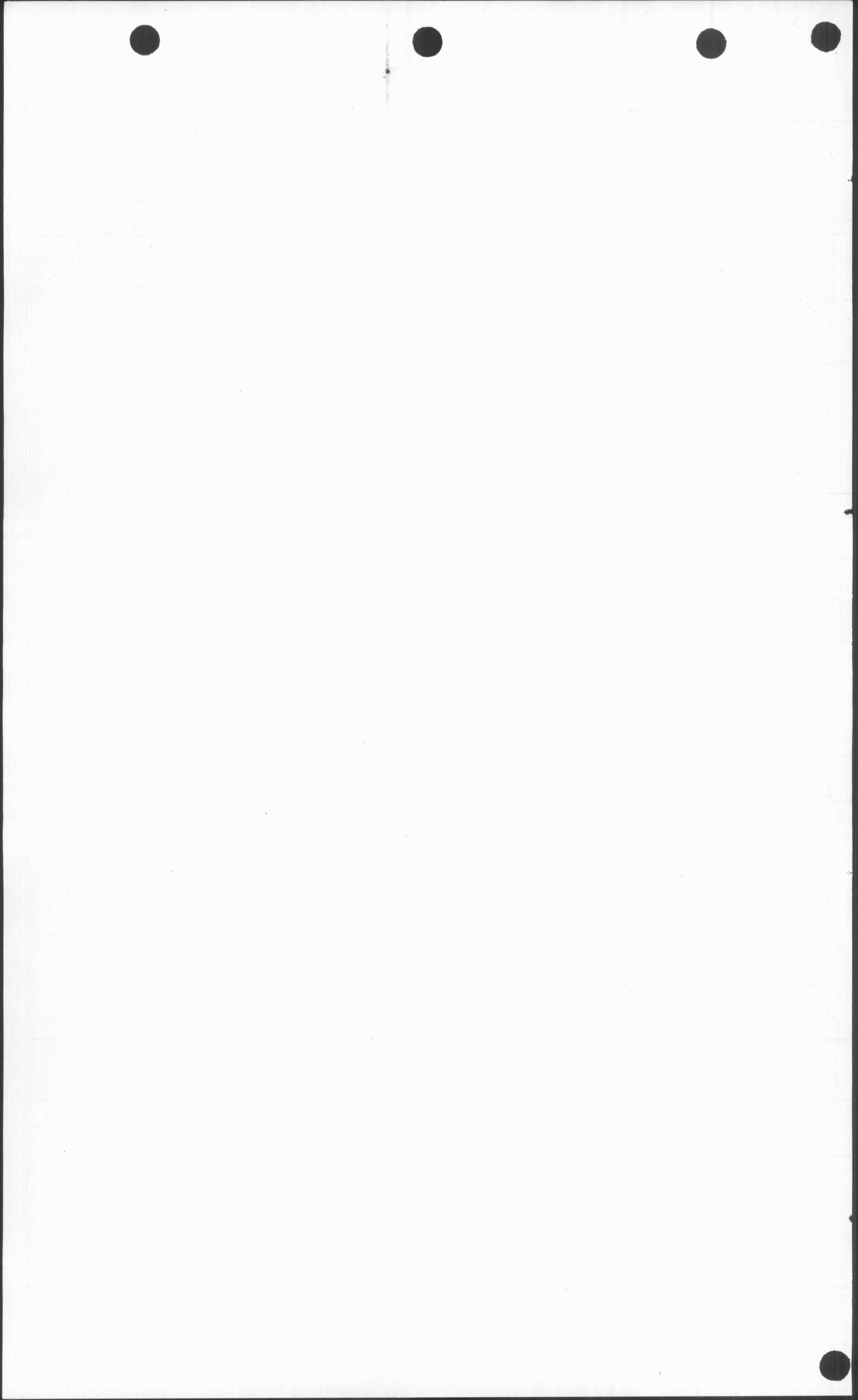
(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
<u>1956 -</u>										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	SEPTEMBER		9 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity	Fine ozs.	62,205	75,055	618,642
Value (Aust. Currency) *	£.	971,946	1,172,735	9,666,257
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,242,823
				1,167,711

\* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3063	2870	2970	2848	2680	2561	2626	2537
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3216	3070	3130	3017	2579	2502	2539	2473
Northam	3115	2928	2996	2910	2607	2511	2552	2496
Bunbury	3101	2981	3024	2927	2687	2581	2631	2550
Geraldton	3182	2990	3054	2940	2849	2702	2796	2668
Collie	3135	2987	3048	2949	2450	2374	2410	2349

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,700	44,000	178,700
September	136,616	43,913	180,529			
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

Chart 2. Frequency distribution of the number of species per sample.

Number of species per sample

Number of samples

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
29/10/56	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
	13. 5. 2	8. 12. 4	13. 2. 11	8. 10. 11	13. 2. 8	8. 10. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	42,509	35,600	137,434	112,171
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	38,555	31,847	124,282	100,186

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

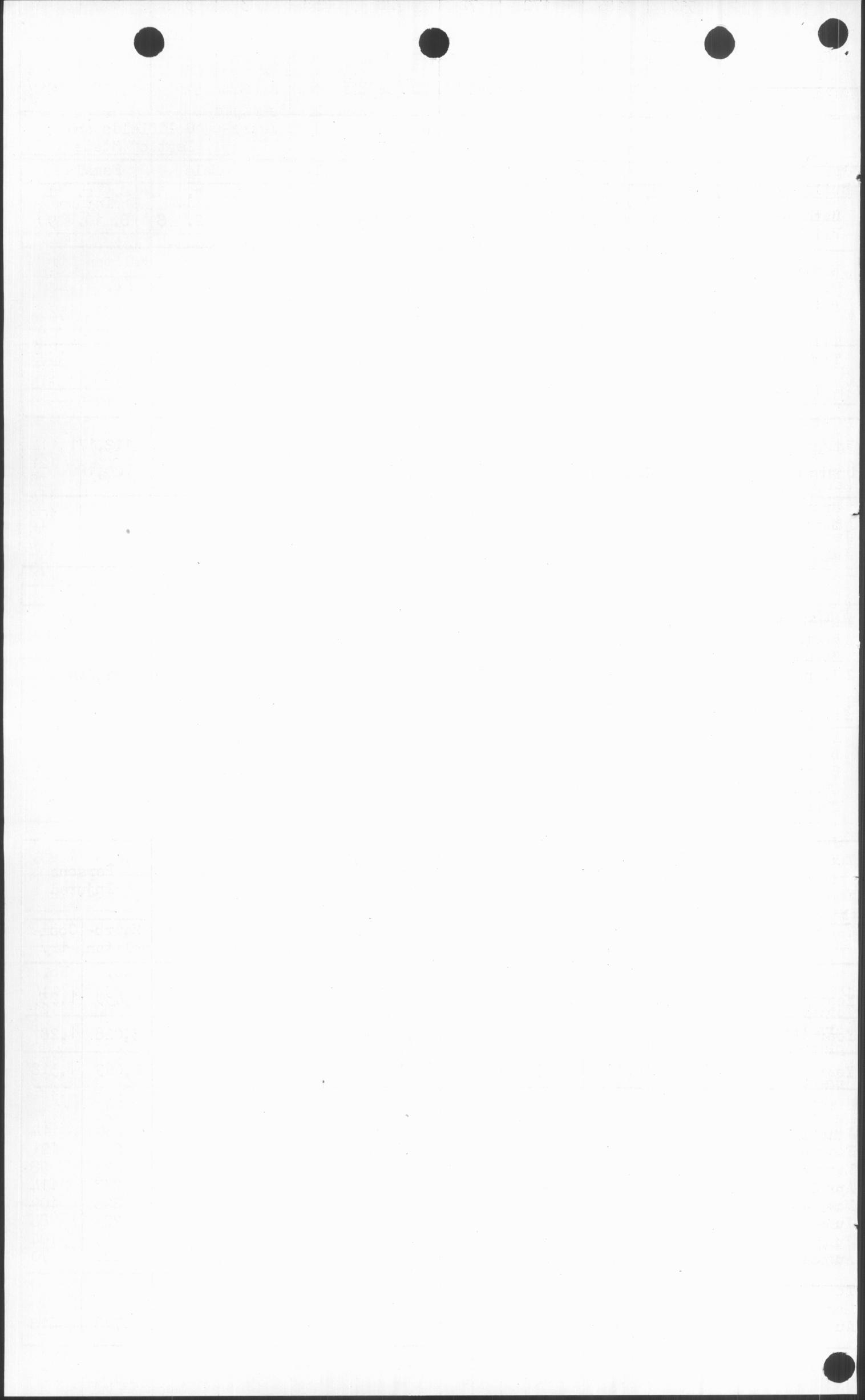
Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1956	17,397	434	99,007	10,457
August, 1955	16,962	363	96,150	15,190
2 Months ended August, 1956	34,107	782	167,750	21,049
2 Months ended August, 1955	33,621	668	179,502	29,299

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Country	Metro- politan	Country	Metro- politan	Country	Metro- politan	Country	Metro- politan	Country
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
<u>1956 -</u>										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July *	556	186	172	72	728	258	3	3	213	104
August	458	168	180	55	638	223	8	10	220	70
Total, 8 Months ended August	3,946	1,332	1,471	566	5,417	1,898	63	54	1,778	818

\* Revised.

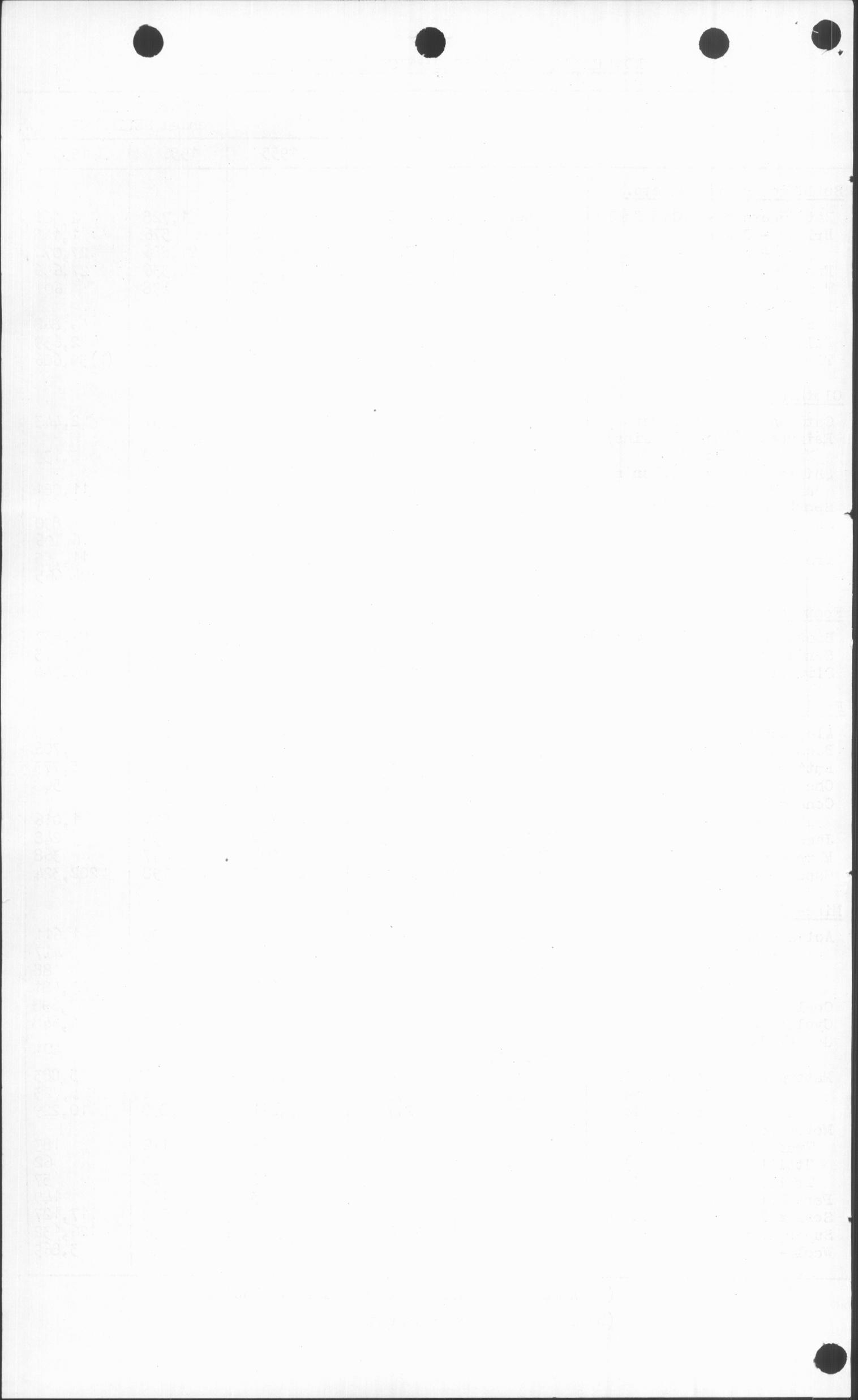


MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	325	749	1,728	2,961
Bricks - Cement	'000	187	368	576	1,125
- Clay	'000	7,004	9,206	21,886	27,076
Enamels	gal.	6,894	10,641	18,336	27,696
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	97	205	298	601
Paints (Ready Mixed) Excluding Water Paints	gal.	19,565	20,097	49,590	49,848
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	446	899	1,369	2,639
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 19,051	(a) 20,007	(b) 38,195	(b) 39,606
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	526	731	2,337	2,443
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	7	62	578	3,139
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,365	4,461	13,035	11,881
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	591	627	1,628	1,631
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	191	317	669	890
- 2 piece	no.	1,729	2,202	5,093	6,106
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,598	3,957	13,865	11,755
- Work	no.	16,874	9,684	46,995	24,665
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	29,400	30,955	94,029	87,857
Sandals	pair	28,814	19,902	59,503	36,973
Slippers	pair	31,695	33,361	103,046	89,780
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,181	1,325	3,329	3,635
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	527	571	1,585	1,706
Butter	'000 lb.	2,261	2,191	6,058	5,773
Cheese	'000 lb.	352	217	788	508
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	355	322	961	1,016
Jams	'000 lb.	52	92	195	248
Margarine	'000 lb.	128	104	447	368
Sauce - Tomato	pint	84,950	82,523	229,198	202,324
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	560	464	1,709	1,611
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	119	123	374	417
- Nitric	cwt.	54	32	162	88
- Sulphuric	ton	15,408	13,617	38,344	45,481
Coal	ton	74,480	86,058	239,039	257,698
Cycles, Pedal	no.	327	553	1,211	1,648
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	127	127	403	401
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,858	1,759	5,985	5,883
- Woven Wire	no.	1,926	964	8,132	5,723
- Soft filled	no.	2,707	3,211	8,898	10,229
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	30	62	112	183
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	26	5	62
Trailers (all types)	no.	10	18	25	57
Perambulators	no.	49	63	110	149
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,040	5,485	20,042	17,127
Superphosphate	ton	38,494	37,120	102,746	126,132
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	1,873	1,419	5,549	3,869

(a) August figures. September not available.

(b) Two months ended August.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
YEARS											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
QUARTERS											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.2
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	12.0
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.2
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.5
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

